



Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Legislation Act Commencement Order 2021

Cindy Kiro, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 29th day of November 2021

Present:

Her Excellency the Governor-General in Council

This order is made under section 2 of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Legislation Act 2021 on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council.

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2 Commencement of Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Legislation Act 2021

The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Legislation Act 2021 comes into force on 1 January 2022.

Michael Webster,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the order, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

This order brings the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Legislation Act 2021 into force on 1 January 2022, which is the date on which the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (the **RCEP**) enters into force for New Zealand.

The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Legislation Act 2021 will enable—

- the issue of New Zealand certificates of origin in respect of goods for export to the RCEP parties; and
- the application of preferential tariff rates under the RCEP.

At the time of the making of this order, the text of the RCEP is available at <https://www.mfat.govt.nz/assets/Trade-agreements/RCEP/RCEP-Agreement-Legal-Text.pdf>

The RCEP will also be implemented by secondary legislation—

- to enable the application of preferential tariff rates for goods imported from specified RCEP parties; and
- to give effect to the rules of origin and product-specific rules for goods imported from specified RCEP parties.

The secondary legislation is the following:

- Customs and Excise (Rules of Origin for RCEP Goods) Amendment Regulations 2021:
- Customs and Excise (Specified RCEP Parties) Order 2021:
- Tariff (RCEP) Amendment Order 2021:
- Tariff (Specified RCEP Parties) Order 2021.

Issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2019.

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This order is administered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.